

# The First Settlers

When Columbus found the Americas in 1492, there were settlers already present. These early settlers were called Indians because Columbus mistakenly thought he had landed in India, the land he was trying to reach. Actually, these Indians were made up of many different tribes with many different names, beliefs, and traditions. How these Indians lived was, in many ways, a result of where they lived. For example, the Plains lived in tepees so they could easily move while hunting buffalo. The Cherokee Indians adopted a more settled environment and tried to fit in with the white settlers.

**Directions:** Read each statement and write *true* if the answer is true and *false* if the answer is false.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus and his men were the first settlers in America.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ All Indians lived in similar communities.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Indians were really the first Americans.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus called the Indians “Indians” because he thought he’d landed in Australia.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The Indian tribes arrived with Columbus.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Plains Indians lived in tepees because they were easy to move.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus is given credit for discovering the Americas.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus was trying to find the Americas in 1492.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ The Cherokee Indians roamed all over the Americas.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ None of the Indian tribes tried to get along with the new settlers.

